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**Sir:**

This paper responds to the Office Action dated August 11, 2006. Please consider the additional citations and amendments as follows on the basis of a concurrently filed request for continued examination.

- Claim amendments begin on page 2.
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